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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy General Counsel****SUBJECT : "Q" Clearances for Military Assignees**

1. There is attached a memorandum of 10 November 1958 concerning a new decision by the military and AEC that military assignees to the Agency will require "Q" clearances henceforth for access to restricted data.

2. Please review this for discussion concerning our best course of action. Our system of having Department of Defense certify the military assignees clearance on AEC Form 277 was fully satisfactory as long as these assignees were completing assignments within the Agency. When, however, the assignee went outside the Agency for access to restricted data in the possession of other departments and agencies, the system of clearance became extremely complicated and it appears that on this basis the action was taken to revert to "Q" clearances.

3. This, to me, is another strong argument of the cumbersome-ness of the present system and why it is operationally necessary that we have "Q" clearance authority within this Agency.

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